

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 3-7 are currently amended, and Claims 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 7 and 14 include allowable subject matter.

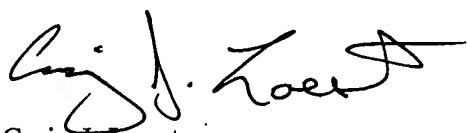
Allowable original Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 7 is allowable. Dependent Claims 3-6 depend from independent Claim 7 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Allowable original Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 14 is allowable. Dependent Claims 10-13 depend from independent Claim 14 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claim 3-7 and 10-14 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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